

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-11 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 12-16 are being added. Support for new claim 12 can be found at least in the present specification in paragraphs 181 to 184, the accompanying drawings, and in the original claims.

This amendment adds and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 12-16 are now pending in this application.

Drawings

Applicants have amended Figure 1 to include the legend "PRIOR ART" and thus submit that any objections to Figure 1 been overcome.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1, 3-8 and 10-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,400,265 to Saylor et al. (hereafter "Saylor"). Claims 2 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saylor in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,892,442 to Ozery et al. (hereafter "Ozery "). These rejections are moot with respect to claims 1-11, which have been canceled. Insofar as these rejections relate to the new claims 12-16, applicants respectfully traverse, for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 12 is directed to an area security system for home security and vehicle security in an area. The area security system comprises a center device that monitors a vehicle and at least one home in a predetermined area. The system

also comprises an on-vehicle device and at least one home security device. The system is configured such that if the center device detects unusualness and position of the vehicle that is in said area by a notice from the on-vehicle device, the center device instructs the at least one home security device in the area to notify the at least one home security device of the occurrence of the unusual situation. Neither Saylor nor Ozery suggest this feature of the system of claim 1.

Saylor discloses a security system with a central security network 130, and security devices associated with property 110 and personal property 112 (Figure 1, col. 4, lines 18-30). Property 110 may include a user's home, and personal property 112 may be a car (col. 4, lines 55-62). For personal property 112, the security devices may include global positioning devices associated with devices capable of sensing and/or detecting alarm situations (col. 5, lines 3-6). Saylor further discloses that in the event of a fire alarm, the neighbors may be notified of the location at which the fire has been detected (col. 8, lines 14-23).

Saylor fails to disclose, however, a system that is configured such that if the center device detects unusualness and position of the vehicle that is in said area by a notice from the on-vehicle device, the center device instructs the at least one home security device in the area to notify the at least one home security device of the occurrence of the unusual situation. Presuming for the sake of argument that the central security network 130 and security device associated with personal property 112 correspond, respectively, to the center device and on-vehicle device as recited in claim 12, Saylor still fails to disclose the invention of claim 12. Significantly, Saylor does not disclose that if the central security network 130 detects unusualness and position of a vehicle (when the personal property 112 is a vehicle) from the security device associated with the personal property 112, the central security network 130 instructs the security devices associated with property 110 to notify those security devices of the occurrence of the unusual situation. While Saylor discloses notifying neighbors of a location of a fire in the event of a fire alarm (col. 8, lines 14-23), this appears to be directed to a fire in a home, or at least the fire alarm is not disclosed as being part of an on-vehicle device. Thus, Saylor fails to anticipate independent claim 12.

Ozery fails to cure the deficiencies of Saylor. Ozery was cited for allegedly disclosing a monitoring device for a security terminal being able to provide a warning to authorized personnel and frighten away unauthorized intruders. Ozery, however, also fails to disclose or suggest a system that is configured such that if the center device detects unusualness and the position of the vehicle that is in said area by a notice from the on-vehicle device, the center device instructs the home security devices in the area to notify the home security devices of the occurrence of the unusual situation.

Moreover, Saylor may not be prior art to the present invention as claimed. The present application claims foreign priority to Japanese application 63390/2001, filed on March 7, 2001, *before* the filing date of Saylor of April 24, 2001. Thus, Saylor may not be prior art to the present invention as claimed, and applicants reserve the right to file a certified translation of the foreign priority document, Japanese application 63390/2001, to perfect their claim to priority, if a such a filing is deemed necessary.

Independent claim 15 is directed to an area security management method, and recites detecting the occurrence of the unusual situation in the vehicle and a position of the vehicle, and instructing at least one home security device in an area where the position of the vehicle is located to notify the at least one home security device of the occurrence of the unusual situation. Thus, for reasons discussed above with respect to claim 12, claim 15 is also allowable.

Independent claim 16 is directed to a monitor method and recites:

a first notification step of notifying a plurality of second security terminals on occurrence of an unusual situation detected by a first security terminal, the plurality of second security terminals being installed in a predetermined area where the first security terminal is installed, each of the plurality of second security terminals being part of a respective home security device of a plurality of home security devices, the first security terminal being part of an in-vehicle device;

a storage step of storing a notice destination to which information is sent when the unusual situation is detected by the first security terminal; and

a second notification step of notifying the notice destination stored by a processing of the storage step of the occurrence of the unusual situation.

Thus, for reasons discussed above with respect to claim 12, claim 16 is also allowable.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

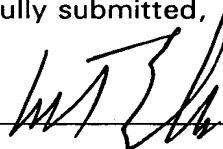
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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